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SUMMARY:

THIRD DEATH REPORTED. WATER SUPPLY BEING MAINTAINED BUT FOOD SUPPLIES RUNNING OUT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDING THAT AMERICAN TOURISTS DEPART GRENADA BEFORE FEBRUARY 6. GOG DETERMINED ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAS RELAYED REPORT FROM BRITISH

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REP BAKER IN GRENADA THAT TRUCK CARRYING GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

FROM GAIRY RALLY EVENING JANUARY 23, WAS ATTACKED BY OPPOSITION ELEMENTS (REFTEL), WITH RESULT THAT TWO GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND LATER DIED, MAKING TOTAL OF THREE DEATHS SINCE VIOLENCE ERUPTED JANUARY 21. BAKER REPORTS OPPOSITION DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED JANUARY 23 TO COINCIDE WITH BISHOP FUNERAL DID NOT MATERIALIZE. BAKER ALSO REPORTS THAT WHILE WATER SYSTEM CONTINUING TO OPERATE MOST SHOPS ARE EMPTY AND FOOD SUPPLIES RUNNING LOW.

2. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED POLOFF MOOSE IN GRENADA TO ADVISE AMERICAN TOURISTS AND HOTEL MANAGERS THAT: "ALTHOUGH SITUATION PRESENTLY CALM, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE DISTURBANCES AT TIME OF GRENADA INDEPENDENCE FEBRUARY 6-7, IT IS ADVISABLE FOR AMERICAN TOURISTS TO DEPART GRENADA BEFORE FEBRUARY 6. IT MAY BE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF AMERICAN RESIDENTS WHETHER THEY STAY OR LEAVE." CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION PLANS SEND OFFICER TO GRENADA MORNING JANUARY 26.

3. BAKER ALSO REPORTED THAT GAIRY STATED EMPHATICALLY AT PUBLIC RALLY JANUARY 23 THAT CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS NECESSARY FOR INDEPENDENCE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT INDEPENDENCE WILL DEFINITELY OCCUR FEBRUARY 7. AMERICAN MANAGER OF GENERAL CRUDE OIL COMPANY HERE RETURNED TODAY FROM BUSINESS TRIP TO GRENADA DURING WHICH TIME HE TALKED WITH GOG ATTORNEY GENERAL SQUIRES WHO REITERATED GOG'S DETERMINATION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH INDEPENDENCE.
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